



**TORRANCE ROYALTY** . . . who reigned at the Baby Festival conducted by the Torrance Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary held recently at the Torrance High School auditorium are from left, Kathy Borges, court page, Jimmie Wolford, Supreme King; Dave Roberts, Supreme Duke; Debbie Barnby, Supreme Princess, Mike Borges, Supreme Prince; Judy Park, Supreme Queen; Celeste Williams, Supreme Duchess, was not present for the picture.

### VFW Auxiliary Stages Benefit Baby Festival

Torrance Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary held its Children's Festival Nov. 23 at the Torrance High School auditorium. Children from 2 months to ten years, wearing robes and gowns were presented in a Royal Pageant as kings, queens and court members.

Kathy Borges, royal court page, presented trophies and awards. She also gave a modern toe dance as did pupils from the three local dance schools who appeared on the program. Mrs. Mary Higby, VFW Auxiliary member, was in charge of the program, proceeds from which went to the Veterans Hospital Christmas Fund. A door prize was won by Charles Way-Coster, of 1860 Torrance Blvd.

Gerald Curtis was selected Master Torrance Junior and Deborah Fresenius holds the title of Miss Torrance Junior. Robert Russell was chosen as Master Torrance Senior and Candy Stanbook reigns as Miss Torrance Senior.

### Two YWCA Training Sessions

The second and third sessions of the YWCA advisor's training course will be offered on Wednesday, Dec. 8 and Thursday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Wilmington Community Center.

The sessions will be devoted to helping teen-age advisers to learn about Y-teens, their clubs, and organization, teen-age characteristics and program emphasis within the clubs including national and world-wide projects.

The classes are being lead by Marian Fatout, district Y-teen coordinator, Tirzah Hearrell, Wilmington program director, and Carolyn Reich, San Pedro Teen Center Director.

The group is open to all present Y-teen advisers as well as women who would like to become advisers.

Present local advisers are: Mrs. Daniel Agnew and Mrs. H. A. Jollensten, Betas; Mrs. Darrel Smith, Mrs. Frank Walker, Mrs. Harold Bledsoe, and Mrs. Dorothy Roccaforte, Coquettes; Mrs. Joseph Rogan, Debs; Mrs. Helen Benton, and Mrs. Roland Meister, Scotliss; Mrs. Aris H. Blackman, Torretes; Mrs. Val Gene Mott, Marquettes.

### Creative Family Living



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**QUESTION FROM A READER . . .** How can I better direct my nearly four year old girl? She is constantly running away from me when we are shopping or visiting. She is quick to handle and damage others possessions and our excursions are becoming one round of "dents and stops." Would a harness be of help? Your suggestions would be appreciated.  
—Mrs. S R G

**CHILD LEARNS BY DOING**

Perhaps if we could bear in mind in our treatment of the young child that his way of learning about the world is through reaching out into it, we can better understand his behavior. Children learn by "doing," through participation, and exposure to new and interesting experiences. They learn best when there is an atmosphere of warmth and affection about them. The child between birth and five years grows faster and learns more than at later stages. Nature meets this need within the child to learn by providing periods of expansion or reaching out, in which the child feels a greater impetus to extend himself. This is natural.

**CHILD LACKS EXPERIENCE**

It is the child's way of learning more about the world in which he lives. Naturally because of immaturities the child lacks the experience and ability to calculate risk, among other things his motor control is not yet fully developed, the inevitable results are mistakes of course. Here is where the parent as a "helper" can and should provide needed guidance. Perhaps sitting back and closing our eyes with the attitude "oh this is his way of learning about the world" is not the answer. Neither is complete restraint and overt physical control, for this reason I am not particularly in favor of ropes, harnesses and the like. Possibly we can find a middle ground by first of all changing our attitude about "why" the child is behaving in this manner. By realizing the child's need for new experience we can learn to take a different view of it. Releasing the feeling of "he does this just to annoy me" or "he just doesn't want to mind." This helps us to a more objective outlook when we understand running away as reaching out which is perfectly natural. Especially does the child from 3 to 5 feel this inward urge to "get into" the world. Apparently this little youngster is right on schedule.

**HELP THE CHILD TO REACH OUT**

Perhaps we can try to set down a few suggestions which will help this child to reach out and learn since it is a natural step in her growth and development. It is good to avoid physical restraint unless . . . the child would injure herself or another . . . damage property . . . is interfering with another's way of life . . . or the action would violate her general welfare in one way or another. When these emergency situations occur the parent should exercise the direction necessary by either removing the child from the situation or the situation from the child. Distraction of the child's attention is often helpful. In an emergency we stop the child. When the child wishes to handle a valuable object go to her and help her to examine it without danger of breakage, if it is feasible to do so. Do not over expose the child to attractive stimulus and then be surprised when she reacts. For example: If you take her to a top shop, better plan on "reaching out" or "here, let mommy show you." Above all avoid for awhile visits to people who have valuable trinkets about and who are strongly disapproving and rejecting in their attitudes. Provide opportunities for running legitimately, such as at the beach or other wide open spaces, with "we may run at the beach." When shopping "we walk in the store." Learn to relax, and don't fear the worst!

Beach are the grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Costa, of 1048 W. 220th St., welcomed their fourth child, Fernando B. da Costa, born Nov. 26 at 12:22 p.m. in Azores, Portugal is 9 lbs. 2 oz. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John da Costa, and Mrs. Benvenida Bettercourt.

**CHILI SUPPER**

The new Couple's Club of the Waltham Methodist Church is sponsoring a chili supper, Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Supper will be served by the Dorcas Circle of the W.S.C.S. Nursery care will be provided and games have been planned for entertainment.

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### PTA

#### El Nido

El Nido PTA will meet Wednesday evening, Dec. 8 in room 5 at the school to hear Dr. E. V. Pullias, dean of Pepperdine college. A program with the fourth and fifth grades participating will be given under the direction of Mrs. Catherine Donaldson and Charles Gese. The title of the program is "Developing Our Moral and Spiritual Values."

The El Nido PTA board met recently at the home of Mrs. John Hubacek, 4735 Caddison Ave. A pot luck luncheon was served after which there was a business meeting conducted by Mrs. Philo Millor. Plans were made to fill three baskets for needy families at Christmas. The group enjoyed a gift exchange.

It was also announced that a new teacher had been added to El Nido faculty, Mrs. Hazel Spender.

Announcement of the next film to be shown at the school on Dec. 11, "Father was a Fullback," was made.

#### Madrona

Madrona PTA Executive Board will hold its monthly meeting at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday morning at the home of Mrs. Beverly Dyer, 2838 Onrado. There will be an exchange of gifts and a social hour in conjunction with the meeting.

Jan. 6 has been set aside for a rag and paper drive. The public is asked to save all rags and papers over the holidays.

It was also announced that books were needed for the library for Christmas ornaments.

### ALTAR SOCIETY

Nativity Altar Society will meet tomorrow evening at 8 p.m. at the parish hall. Plans will be made for the continuance of the sale of fruit cakes and Christmas tree ornaments during December. Cake orders are being taken by Mrs. Robert Moffett. Mrs. Delbert White is taking orders for Christmas ornaments.

### The Stork Story

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Hales, 624 8th Place, Hermosa Beach, welcomed a son, Donald Mavity, born Nov. 23, 3:30 a.m., weighing 4 lbs. 2 oz. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George P. Hales of Hollywood, and Mrs. Margaret Mavity of Hermosa Beach.

Denise Ann Reynolds has a new sister in person of Lynette Dawn, born Nov. 23, 6:59 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Glyn Austin, 1623 W. 208th St., welcomed a son, Darrel Glyn, their second child, on Nov. 25, 4:02 a.m., weighing 8 lb. 12 oz. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Austin of Torrance and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harrison of Arkansas.

The three daughters of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Sanders of 1706 Herin St., Redondo Beach, are telling their friends of the arrival of a brother, Stanley Reed, arrived Nov. 24, weighing 9 lbs. 4 oz. Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Cox of Redondo Beach, and Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Sanders of Palmdale are the grandparents.

Wayne Leonard, the fourth child for Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Griffin, 17004 Crenshaw Blvd., was born Nov. 24 at 9:30 p.m., tipping the scales at 7 lbs. 11 oz. The grandparents, both of Los Angeles, are Mrs. Alice Griffin and John O. Manning.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bolen, of 2872 Torrance Blvd., welcomed their first child, a daughter, Mary Lee, born Nov. 24 at 4:03 p.m., weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz. Ohio is the home of the grandfathers, O. L. Brennan and George P. Bolen. Victoria Marianne arrived Nov. 24, making three children for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Risica Jr. The paternal grandmother is Mrs. J. Risica of New York.

A maned bleeding, broken body of a child is not a pleasant sight. "He'll live" is small consolation when a wheelchair will be his mode of locomotion the balance of his life. Insurance will pay his medical, doctor and hospital expenses, but who'll pay for the years of remorse we'll suffer? Slow down. Drive carefully. Be prepared to STOP instantly. Let all the children go back to school.

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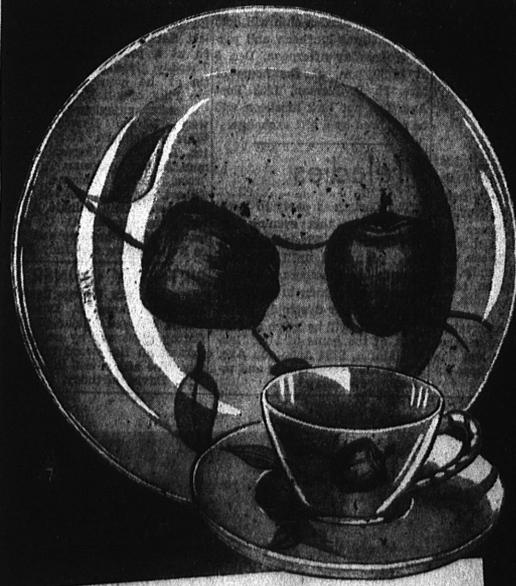
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